



Governor Charles N. Haskell of Oklahoma was seized with sudden illness at Guthrie and his friends were for a time greatly alarmed. Physicians say he was suffering from gall stones.

The publisher of Tolstoy's book, "The Kingdom of God Within Us," has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment in a fortress.

The J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. have purchased two of the independent telephone properties in Toledo, Ohio, and are after more concerns in Indiana.

The city council of Louisville, Ky., has offered a reward of \$2,000 for the recovery of Alma Kellmer, the little girl who was recently abducted from that city.

Cuba's financial condition is described by Secretary of War Dickinson, as very bad. It owes the United States more than six million dollars and can not pay it.

The supreme court of Indiana has declared the county option law of that state to be valid.

In a speech in the house Representative Hobson of Alabama pleaded for a larger navy, warning his colleagues that the nation was unprepared for war.

The supreme court of Alabama has declared that in that state a person may own and store liquors where he pleases and as much as he pleases if he secures them legally.

The street car trust of Kansas City recently met with a setback before the people. A Kansas City dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "The proposition to extend the franchise of the Metropolitan Street Car company, which now holds the traction rights of the city up to 1925, for a period of twenty-six years—or forty-two years from the present, was defeated at a special election by a majority of 7,041. The total vote cast was 30,371, of which 18,731 were against and 11,640 for the grant. This was the first election ever held here under the referendum law. The vote is considered heavy for a special election, as the total registration is but about 38,000. Although the campaign was waged for months and had been marked by much bitter feeling on both sides, the voting passed off quietly. A few arrests were made for illegal voting. The company now charges a straight five cent fare, but the proposed contract provides that not later than January 1, 1913, the company shall sell twenty-five tickets for one dollar and six for twenty-five cents. The opponents of the franchise argue, however, that the potency of this concession is destroyed by another clause which, in referring to the city's right to reduce far before 1925 provides that 'all existing rights both of the city and the company, are in this regard hereby expressly reserved and remain unaffected by the contract.' It is argued that as the city has never reduced fares in the present franchise, it has not that right, and could not enforce the modification promised before 1925."

An Associated Press dispatch from New York City says: "Captain B. S. Osbon, of this city, secretary of

the Arctic club, has written Captain Joseph E. Bernier and others that Captain August W. Loose's story of his dealings with Dr. Cook, as published in a New York newspaper, was concocted for sale without regard to the truth. 'In the presence of witnesses,' said Captain Osbon, 'I heard Loose say: 'I was out for the money, and I did not care how I got it.' Captain Osbon does not believe that Loose's narrative, as supported by his affidavits, was a part of any plot to discredit Dr. Cook. 'This idea originated with Loose and Dunkle,' says Captain Osbon. 'They had for sale matter in this controversy so explosive that nobody dared to handle it. When they found that out they cast about for something else. Dunkle was the promoter, Loose his workman. Also Dunkle got most of the money; that's what Loose says, and now he is casting around to see where he stands. He's got a conscience, and it smarts.'"

W. Y. Ellis, who killed N. P. Willis in a Little Rock court room, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

Franklin P. Burnham, designer of the state capitol building at Atlanta, Ga., and of other public buildings, died at Los Angeles.

In Governor Deneen's message to the special session of the Illinois legislature he emphasized the importance of a new primary election law as the most important subject for legislative enactment. Other recommendations are: Passage of a corrupt practices act limiting campaign expenditures and requiring publication of campaign expense accounts; Creation of a commission to take charge of the construction of the proposed lakes to the gulf deep waterway, a \$20,000,000 bond issue for this project having been approved by the people; amendments to mining laws to prevent, if possible, a repetition of the Cherry disaster; an appropriation for relief of the sufferers at Cherry; a commission to study the subject of employers' "liability;" legislation conferring on cities power to adopt the commission form of government; recommending the adoption of the amendment to the federal constitution permitting the imposition of an income tax, the governor said: "A nation which possesses the power to call on its citizens for service in the battlefield should possess the power to impose an income tax whenever it may be necessary to meet national emergencies."

Governor John Burke of North Dakota was re-elected president of the Missouri navigation congress in session at Omaha.

A cablegram from Brussels says: "A contest over the succession to the throne of Belgium is possible. The vatican is reported to have confirmed the marriage a year ago of King Leopold and Baroness Vaughan. Two sons are said to have been born from this union and both survive. The elder is Lucian, 5 years old. It is reported that he will claim the throne. Prince Albert, the heir presumptive, is a nephew of Leopold II."

The jury in the federal court in New York returned a verdict of guilty against five of the six employees of the American Sugar Refining company who were charged with conspiracy to defraud the gov-

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